■**and** upto 9th of November, 1990, as against 32 letters of intent issued during the period 2nd December, 1989 to 30th September, 1990.

(c) and (d) The number of licences issued during October, 1990 and upto 9th November, 1990 is not large. The matter is under review of Government.

Expenditure on the Maintenance of the Residences of Ministers

1047. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the minister-wise expenditure incurred on the residence of each of the Central Ministers and whether such expenditure- has been more than the stipulated amount on maintenance, decoration, etc. since November, 1989 till October, 1990; and

(b) the details of the said expenditure since October, 1990 till date in each case?

THE MINISTER O'F URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) Repairs, renovations and minor works of addition/alteration are carried out in the residences allotted to the Ministers based on the state of the building, the requirements of the Minister and availability of funds. No rules prescribing a ceiling for carrying out such works in the residences allotted to the Ministers have been not fied by the Government.

The details of the expenditure in-curred are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Problem Villages in the country

1048. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise number of problem villages in the country at the end of each of the last three years;

(b) the number of villages where potable water facility could be arranged during the above period; and

(c) the targets framed in this regard for the current year and the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a.) to (c). The information is given in the Annexure. The target for the next year 1991-92 is likely to be fixed in March, 1991. *[See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 23] 23)

Development of Tourism

1049. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to develoo tourism for Ayodhya. Mathu-ra, Varanasi, Bodhgaya and Vaishali; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the targets for each one for the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

Cc) the amount so earmarked for each one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH); (a) to (c) The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to States for strengthening of tourist infrastructure for specific proposals based on their merits, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities On the' basis of the proposals received from State Govts of UP and Bihar the following schemes were sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism: —

1. Development of Varanasi Ghats.